

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
April 8, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

2nd Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: What great joy we have!

People: Our Lord is risen!

Leader: Believe with your whole heart in the miracle of resurrection.

People: We open our hearts to the good news of God's faithfulness to us.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

*Processional Hymn

"Christ Is Risen"

UMH # 307

*Passing of the Peace

Time with the Children

(All children under 12 years are invited to the front. Afterwards, during second service only, children ages 3 thru kindergarten are invited to children's church and will be escorted to room #113. Parents may pick them up there after the service.)

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

New Testament Lesson

Acts 4: 32-35

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The Anthem

"We Gather at One Table"
The Chancel Choir

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*The Doxology **"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen"** UMH # 95

*Offertory Prayer

*Prayer of Illumination (in unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us this day. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson

John 20: 19-31

945

Sermon

"The Power of Touch"

Rev. Tommy Wilkes

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Benediction

*The Recessional

"Irish Blessing"

May the road rise to meet you; May the wind blow at your back;
May the sun shine warmly on your face; May the rain fall softly on your field.
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen

*Chiming of the Trinity

*Postlude

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

Invitation to Newcomers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation of First UMC in membership are encouraged to signify this on the attendance pad, on a visitor card and/or contact one of our Pastors. We are thankful to have newcomers and your presence here in church.

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The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God  
and in memory of our sister, Ann Killian Loftis,  
by her family.

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Stewardship ~ Ways to Give

Regular Tithes and Offerings through the **Sunday Morning Offering.**

Electronic Debit Giving: The card reader is now available in the lobby. Touch any key to begin and then follow the posted directions. **Be sure to leave a receipt with your name printed on it in the locked black receptacle.** This is the only way your offering can be posted to your contribution records. A second receipt is also offered for your personal convenience.



Also takes Discover, American Express & Apple Pay.

Direct Draft Giving is now available for free: We are now offering the opportunity for automatic draft from your bank to our bank, Clover Community Bank. Please pick up and/or hand in your authorization for Direct Draft form from Shirley in the office, or put in the offering plate. This method has proven to be an effective and timely way to regularly give to the church. "I am an electronic giver" cards are in the pews for your use if you choose to use this method of giving.

Giving On-Line: Giving to FUMC is now available online through our website: www.cloverfumc.org.

Thanks for your support of the mission and ministry of FUMC.

If you decide to give electronically or through Direct Draft, please feel free to drop an "Electronic Giver" card in the offering plate on Sundays as an act of worship.

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- Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – [twilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:twilkes@cloverfumc.org)
- Reverend Meg Wilkes, Associate Minister – [mwilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:mwilkes@cloverfumc.org)
- Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
- Jon Valentine, Director of Children & Youth Ministries – [jvalentine@cloverfumc.org](mailto:jvalentine@cloverfumc.org)
- Cathy Allen, BIG/Tweens Coordinator – [cmallen217@gmail.com](mailto:cmallen217@gmail.com)
- Cheri King, Director of Music Ministries – [cking@cloverfumc.org](mailto:cking@cloverfumc.org)
- Christine Payseur, Church Business / Technical Coordinator – [cpayseur@cloverfumc.org](mailto:cpayseur@cloverfumc.org)
- Shirley M. Davis, Administrative Assistant / Financial Secretary – [sdavis@cloverfumc.org](mailto:sdavis@cloverfumc.org)
- Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
- Nannette Carnes, Organist
- Tracie Kite, Sexton – [kiteptracie@hotmail.com](mailto:kiteptracie@hotmail.com)
- Hope Long, Nursery
- Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
- Ray Reavis, Bob Grindle, Renee Gallien, Conference Lay Members

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Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, April 11th
Menu: Smoked Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Rolls & Dessert Sponsored by: Cub Scouts

Name _____ No. _____

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Contact pastors or Shirley Davis @ 222-3496 or sdavis@cloverfumc.org to add to joy and prayer concerns:

Recent Concerns: Hugh Robinson, Josie Skinnell, Jane Stang, Fred Byers, Tom Meyer, Caleigh Dover, Anne Adams, Brad Robinson, Dave Edwards, Betsy Durant (Windy Bartee's friend), Tommy Crawford, Marshall Caldwell, Carolyn Grigg, Sandy Chapman, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Dave Blanton, Rolfe Sukkert.

A note of sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friend of Lois Schriefer.

Military: Captain Thad Wilson, Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare, Major Blair Preston, 2nd Lt. Rion Cartin, LCPL Chris Propst, M.Gy. Sgt. Terry Kenneth Lowman, Jr.

THE SPRING YARD SALE IS APRIL 8—14: Please bring your donations Sunday, April 8 through Thursday, April 12. WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP! Any amount of time you can help is greatly appreciated. We have all kinds of things and activity levels for people to do.
Times: Sunday 1:00—5:00, Monday—Tuesday 9:00—5:00, Wednesday at Men's Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday Night Supper & 9:00—5:00, Thursday 9:00—5:00, Friday 8:00—6:00 (busiest day), Saturday 9:00—12:00. As always, our church family is able to shop any day during the week.

Circle meetings:

Esther Circle will meet on Monday, April 9th, at 10:00am in the Steve Camp classroom for an inspiring lesson from Judy Miller. Afterwards we will adjourn to clean our part of the kitchen. We will postpone a shower/pounding for Mama Cat. Her move-in date is now in late April. We will know better what she needs by then. If you do not have a circle yet, come visit us. We would love to have you. Call with questions to Windy Bartee, 803-222-7533.

Martha Circle will meet on Monday, April 9th, at 7:00pm.

United Methodist Men Spring Retreat

The UMM will once again have our Spring Retreat on May 4th, 5th and 6th at Lake Murray. We will go down on the afternoon of May 4th, fish/golf on Saturday, May 5th, and return on Sunday morning. If someone needs to arrive for just part of the time, we would still love to have you for whatever time you can spend.

The retreat is designed for relaxation, recreation, getting to know each other better and spiritual recharging. Aside from our daily devotionals, there will be plenty of time for fishing, golfing, eating (of course) and just enjoying the beauty of God's world.

The cost of the retreat is \$75.00. If you would like to participate, please contact me, Tommy Wilkes, Johnny Adams or any of the Methodist Men. Sam Cain, UMM President.

Donald Davis, Storyteller and retired Methodist Preacher

Free to the public, sponsored by Lancaster Arts Council at 307 West Gay Street, Lancaster, SC this afternoon at 2:30.

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth: Jr. High Youth – 6:00pm Sr. High Youth – 7:00pm

Our Wednesday night programs: BIG (children) and Tweens at 6:30pm / Youth Fellowship at 6:30.

Upcoming Children's Events! Mark your calendars now!!

Sunday, April 29th – District Bible Fair- here at FUMC, 2-5pm. Ages 4yrs – 6th grade. Food, fun, songs, crafts, stories, snacks & more! See announcement on Children's Board in hallway.

Summer VBS –Sunday-Thursday, July 8-12. Travel to Babylon! See Daniel's Courage in Captivity! 5:00- 8:00pm. See announcement on Children's Board in hallway.

If you haven't already, text 1clovermyf to 95577 for text reminders!!

Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC, jvalentine@cloverfumc.org

Ada Krugh will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 21st. Her family is honoring her at a party on April 22nd. If you would like to send Ada a birthday card for her special day, her address is listed below:
1215 Evergreen Court, **Apartment 302** Clarkston, WA 99403

GREEN RIVER PLANTATION TRIP – THURSDAY, MAY 3RD

INCLUDED – Lunch, tour of historical plantation house & visit a winery or two

COST - \$ 25.00. **Payment is due before or on April 10th.**

Make checks out to FUMC – Forever Young. On the for / memo line write, Green River trip.

Checks to the church office or in the offering plate in an envelope.

LIST – Names will be added to the list when payment is received.

Vien Quang Buddhist Monastery

On Sunday, April 22nd, we will leave the church at 1:30 weather permitting. The Monastery grounds are open on Sunday afternoons until 3:00 at this time. Monastery Address – 1-38 Galway Lane, Clover. Sign-up sheet is on the “sign-up table”.

Trip to Festival of Wisdom & Grace – August 13-16

Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

Price: \$374.00 per adult staying 2 adults to a room

\$575.00 per adult staying 1 adult to a room

First payment of \$200.00 and your registration form are due on or before April 26, 2018

Second payment (for 2 adults to a room) of \$174.00 is due on or before May 29, 2018

Make checks out to FUMC Forever Young

On the for / memo line write Wisdom and Grace trip

Checks & Registration form to the church office or in the offering plate in an envelope.

Included: 3 nights lodging at the Terrace, 8 meals, all scheduled activities.

List: Names will be added to the list when first payment is received.

More information and registration forms are on the “sign-up table”. Please fill out the complete form including circling Workshops you would like to attend. Turn in the Registration form in with your payment. Junaluska's cancellation policy is on the registration form.

Salkehatchie Registration: It is time to sign up for camp! If you desire, the church missions committee will pay one half. You will need to register yourself on line, mark the camp you wish to attend and mark that the payment will be made by the church. Please make a check payable to FUMC for \$ 115.00 and mark for Salkehatchie. The full payment will be sent in by the church. If you have questions please see Jon Valentine, Jeannette Stabler or Rev. Tommy Wilkes.

2018 Festival of Tables: United Methodist Women will host the fifth annual “Festival of Tables” ladies luncheon on Saturday, May 19th, 2018. You can reserve a table for \$ 5.00 and decorate in your chosen theme, using your tableware and decorations. Guest tickets are \$ 8.00 each. Last year over one hundred women attended to preview the decorated tables and enjoy a delicious lunch. To reserve a table or if you want further information contact Linda Abernathy (222-7591) or Grace White (222-7528). Please plan to join us!

Optimist International Oratorical Contest

This contest is open to any student under the age of 18 as of October 1st, 2018. Participants must write on the official topic “Where Are My Roots of Optimism.” Applications can be picked up from the High School, Clover or Oakridge Middle School, Ninth Grade Academy or from Jon Valentine. Any questions, call Josie Skinnell at 803-684-2008 or email sknnll@aol.com. Please see flyer on the bulletin board for additional information.

Host an Exchange Student: Open your heart and home to an exchange student coming to this area in August! Students know English, come with own spending money and health insurance, and would love to a part of your family for either 5 or 10 months. In return the family gains a new son or daughter and learns about a new culture without leaving our home. This is a great ministry opportunity! Please contact Trish Hasty today at 704-661-4765 or trishhasty@gmail.com. Thanks! CIEE is non-profit.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 3rd Sunday donation is dried beans. Thank you for your continued support

Mother's Day Carnations: A special flower arrangement will be placed on the altar on Mother's Day. You may place a red carnation in honor of or a white carnation in memory of your loved ones for \$ 2.00 each. Any additional money collected beyond the cost of the carnations will go to our General Fund. To purchase a flower(s) place this form, with payment attached, in the offering plate or return to the church office no later than **May 8th**.

Your name _____

In Honor _____

In Memory _____